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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 18 October 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Afghanistan (S/1999/994)

Briefing by Mr. Lakhdar Brahimi, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Afghanistan

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 4

General debate (*continued*):

Ethiopia
Armenia
Tunisia
Australia (President of the Conference on Disarmament)
Moldova
Kyrgyzstan
Dominican Republic
Nicaragua
Zimbabwe
Sri Lanka (Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean)
United Republic of Tanzania

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/54/INF.1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 4

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [90] (A/54/87, A/54/63-S/1999/171, A/C.4/54/L.2*)

General debate

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [106]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.9

2. Crime prevention and criminal justice [107] (A/54/3, A/54/69-E/1999/8 and Add.1, A/54/289, A/54/340, A/C.3/54/2, A/C.3/54/L.3, L.4, L.5 and L.6)

3. International drug control [108] (A/54/3, A/54/186, A/54/293-E/1999/119, A/54/314-S/1999/942 and A/C.3/54/L.7)

Continuation of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda 118 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Procurement reform (A/52/887, A/52/1010, A/C.5/52/46, A/53/271 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and A/53/692))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Pattern of conferences [124] (A/54/32, A/54/176, A/54/208, A/54/221, A/54/262, A/53/833, A/53/919 and Corr.1 (French only), and Add.1 and Corr.1 (Russian only), and Add.2 and Corr.1 (French only) and A/54/7)

Introduction and general discussion

2. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [125] (A/54/11)

Introduction and general discussion

6.30 p.m.-9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 119 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development Account: Modalities for operating the Account (A/53/945, A/53/7/Add.12 and A/C.5/54/L.7))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	8th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [159] (A/54/33, A/54/383, A/54/363)

2. United Nations Decade of International Law [154] (A/54/362, A/54/98, A/54/381)

3 p.m.	9th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

United Nations Decade of International Law [154] (A/54/362, A/54/98, A/54/381)

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

* Following the adjournment of the 9th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

United Nations International Drug Control Programme

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World Food Day 1999

An observance of the World Food Day 1999, under the theme "Youth Against Hunger", will take place on Tuesday, 19 October 1999, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (immediately following the adjournment of the morning meeting of the Second Committee). Statements will be made by the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Theo-Ben Gurirab, the Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Louise Fréchette, the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Francesco Paolo Fulci, and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Mr. Jacques Diouf. Professor M. S. Swaminathan, Chairman of the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, will be the keynote speaker. All members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes, representatives of non-governmental organizations and accredited correspondents are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 18 October 1999

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

9.30 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT
(on Sixth Committee matters)

9.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolutions on "renewal of the dialogue" and economic and technical cooperation among developing countries)

11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(draft resolution racism and racial discrimination)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations will be held on a Third Committee draft proposal on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action on Monday, 18 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room C.

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Meetings of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors of the First Committee draft resolution on small arms, organized by the delegation of Japan, on Monday, 18 October 1999, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room B.

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There will be a meeting of co-sponsors and potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution on agenda item 85 (Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty), organized by the delegation of Mexico, on Monday, 18 October 1999, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Special meeting

In accordance with the request of the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1999/54, the Under-Secretary -General of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW) will meet with donors and interested States on the revitalization of the Institute and its immediate and long-term funding. The meeting will be held on Monday, 18 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. A note on a new method of work and structure of the Institute can be obtained from the Secretariat in room DC2-1230.

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Seminar

A seminar on "The Development and Reform of Pension Systems", organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in cooperation with the International Labour Office, will be held on Monday, 18 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B. The seminar, held within the framework of preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives, will be conducted by Mr. Colin Gillion, Director of the Department of Social Security of ILO. Members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Steven Miller (tel.: (212) 963-7535).

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Symposium

A symposium on "Nuclear Doctrines", organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, will be held on Monday, 18 October 1999, from 1 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 October 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226). In the event that room S-226 is occupied at that time, the briefing will take place in the Security Council Quiet Room.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 19 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 3

* Following the adjournment of the 9th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	10th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

The World Health Organization (WHO), in collaboration with the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), will hold a briefing on the theme "Health in Poverty Eradication: Implications for Copenhagen Plus Five", on Wednesday, 20 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The briefing will be given by Dr. John Martin of the Department of Health in Sustainable Development, WHO, and Mr. John Langmore, Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development, DESA. All interested delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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The Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples will hold closed informal consultations with members of the Committee on Wednesday, 20 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room B, to discuss the draft resolution on agenda item 18, which will be taken up in the plenary of the General Assembly.

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The thirty-fourth session of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law will be held on Wednesday, 20 October 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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The 1999 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Tuesday, 2 November 1999, at 10 a.m. and on Wednesday, 3 November 1999, at 10 a.m. The conference room will be announced at a later date.

It would be appreciated if delegations which have not already done so, could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: (212) 963-2320 or 5973; fax: (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers will be open from Monday, 25 October, to Tuesday, 2 November 1999.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Tuesday, 19 October 1999, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room C (to be confirmed).

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Mr. Just Faaland, Chairman of the Committee for Development Policy, will hold follow-up discussions on the report of the Committee (E/1999/33) and brief delegations on the future work programme of the Committee on Friday, 22 October 1999, from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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The Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" will hold informal consultations on a draft text of a political declaration for the special session of the General Assembly on Wednesday, 20 October 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1. An advance copy of the draft text is available in the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216).

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will take place from 15 to 26 November 1999 in Recife, Brazil. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 22 to 24 November 1999. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment on 22 and 23 November is now open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney; tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Recife on Monday, 15 November.

The provisional agenda and the organization of work contained in document ICCD/COP(3)/1 can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site at the following address: http://www.unccd.de

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee *(briefing by the Director of INSTRAW)* on Tuesday, 19 October 1999, at 1.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee on Tuesday, 26 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Informal consultations on draft resolutions related to agenda item 40 (c) (Results of the review by the Commission on Sustainable Development of the sectoral theme of "oceans and seas") will be held on Tuesday, 19 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Delegations interested in obtaining reporting material on agenda item 40 (Oceans and the law of the sea) are invited to visit the Web site of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea at the following address: http://www.un.org/Depts/los

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations will be held on the draft resolution on the United Nations Development Fund for Women on Tuesday, 19 October 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be an open-ended meeting of potential co-sponsors and interested delegations in the First Committee draft resolution on agenda item 76 (m) (Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas), organized by the delegation of Brazil, on Tuesday, 19 October 1999, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution on agenda item 64 (b) (Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures), organized by the delegations of Germany and Romania, on Wednesday, 20 October 1999, at 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Workshop

The UNITAR/UTA/WTO Workshop on International Trade Negotiations will take place from 20 to 22 October 1999 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in New York. The nomination form was already sent out to all the permanent missions, with the information note. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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Informal briefing

At the request of interested delegations, H.E. Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments in the framework of the Convention and give an update on the preparations for the Third Conference of the Parties (Recife, Brazil, 15-26 November 1999). The briefing will take place on Tuesday, 26 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 14 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

34th plenary meeting*

Tribute to the memory of the first President of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Mr. Julius Nyerere, and the staff members of the United Nations killed in Burundi and Kosovo

The President made a statement.

The Deputy Secretary General made a statement.

The General Assembly observed one minute of silence in tribute to the memory of the first President of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Mr. Julius Nyerere, and of the staff members of the United Nations killed in Burundi and Kosovo.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) [125]

The General Assembly took note that the Gambia had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [15 (a)]

On the first round of balloting, having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Bangladesh, Jamaica, Mali and Tunisia were elected members of the Security Council for a two-year term beginning on 1 January 2000.

Since one seat from among the Eastern European States remained to be filled, the General Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of procedure, to a second round of balloting (first restricted ballot).

The results of the second round of balloting (first restricted ballot) were as follows:

	Votes
Ukraine	98
Slovakia	72

As none of these countries had obtained the required majority, the Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, to a third round of balloting (second restricted ballot).

The results of the third round of balloting (second restricted ballot) were as follows:

	Votes
Ukraine	113
Slovakia	57

The representative of Slovakia made a statement.

As the third round of balloting (second restricted ballot) was inconclusive, the Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, to a fourth round of balloting (third restricted ballot).

The results of the fourth round of balloting (third restricted ballot) as follows:

	Votes
Ukraine	158
Slovakia	3

On the fourth round of balloting (third restricted ballot), having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Ukraine was elected a member of the Security Council for a two-year term beginning on 1 January 2000.

The following five States were thus elected members of the Security Council for a two year term beginning on 1 January 2000: Bangladesh, Jamaica, Mali, Tunisia and Ukraine.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 15.

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* Reissued for technical reasons.

Friday, 15 October 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

4051st meeting

The situation in Afghanistan

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Afghanistan and the Islamic Republic of Iran, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1999/1054, which had been submitted by Canada, the Netherlands, the Russian Federation, Slovenia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a statement by the representative of Afghanistan.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/1999/1054) before it.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the Unites States, Malaysia and Bahrain.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1999/1054) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1267 (1999).

Following the vote, statements were made by the representatives of China and Canada.

4052nd meeting

The situation in Angola

Letter dated 11 August 1999 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1999/871)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Angola, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1999/1061, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1999/1061).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1999/1061) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1268 (1999).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 8th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Australia, Singapore, Belarus, India, Viet Nam, Senegal, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Uganda and the Republic of Korea.

9th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Zambia, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Yemen, Jamaica (on behalf of CARICOM), Qatar, Myanmar (on behalf of ASEAN), Guatemala, Madagascar and Cameroon.

SECOND COMMITTEE 13th meeting

Operational activities for development [101]

(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Executive Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women, the Director of the Special Unit for Technical Cooperation Among Developing Countries and the Director of Africa I Division of the Department of Political Affairs.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Malta), Ghana, the United States, the Russian Federation, Mexico, Norway, Benin, Mozambique, Ecuador, Myanmar, India, Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of CARICOM), Pakistan, the Czech Republic (also on behalf of Bulgaria), Yemen and Lesotho.

14th meeting

Operational activities for development [101]

(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of China, Ethiopia, Cuba, South Africa, Guatemala, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, the Philippines, Jamaica, Kenya, Belarus, Senegal, Botswana, Venezuela, Namibia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Colombia, Japan, Madagascar, Haiti, Iraq, Ukraine, the United Republic of Tanzania and Nigeria.

A statement was made by the representative of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of item 101.

THIRD COMMITTEE 13th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [107]

International drug control [108]

The Committee began its joint consideration of the items.

The Under-Secretary-General, Executive Director of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention, made an introductory statement.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Executive Director of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention, in which the representatives of Pakistan, Colombia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Algeria, Mexico, Rwanda, China and Egypt took part.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), Swaziland (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), Singapore, Sri Lanka, Colombia, Chile and Japan.

14th meeting

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [106]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.10

The representative of Mongolia, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Brazil, Chile, Guyana, Israel, Malaysia, Malta, Namibia, the Russian Federation, the Sudan, Senegal, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.12

The representative of Benin, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ecuador, Ghana, Nigeria, Liberia, Malaysia, Panama, the Philippines, Senegal and Thailand, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Crime prevention and criminal justice [107]

International drug control [108]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Kazakhstan (on behalf of the Commonwealth of Independent States), Austria, Algeria, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Senegal, Israel, India, Cuba, Peru and Jordan.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 7th meeting

Note: The summary of the 7th meeting of the Fifth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1999/200).

SIXTH COMMITTEE 7th meeting

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [159]

The Secretary of the Committee spoke.

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the following countries: Viet Nam, Malawi, Swaziland, Pakistan, Tunisia, Madagascar, Uganda, Iraq, Brazil, Sierra Leone, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ukraine, Chile, Bulgaria, Yemen, Israel, Turkey, Costa Rica, Haiti, United States and Australia.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Basel, 22 March 1989

Accession: Armenia (1 October 1999)*

Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer. Vienna, 22 March 1985

Accession: Armenia (1 October 1999)*

Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Montreal, 16 September 1987

Accession: Armenia (1 October 1999)*

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Ratification: Uzbekistan (12 October 1999)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Photography exhibit

The inauguration of a photography exhibit entitled "Images of the Twentieth Century", from the Florentine photography archives and the Museum "Fratelli Alinari", will take place on Monday, 18 October 1999, at 6 p.m. at the Visitors' Entrance of the Secretariat Building. The exhibit, organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information, will remain until Friday, 5 November. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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United Nations Day

On the occasion of the celebration of United Nations Day, a concert will take place on Friday, 22 October 1999, at 7 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall. The concert will be a tribute to "Duke" Ellington on the 100th anniversary of his birth and a celebration of his service as Music Ambassador to the world. The Secretary-General of the United Nations will host the event.

The Concert will feature the Duke Ellington Orchestra with George Duke as Musical Director, and the Billy Taylor Trio. The evening will also feature such famous performers as Nancy Wilson, Eartha Kitt, Gregory Hines, Bobby Short, Lena Horne, Jerry Butler, the Esther Marrow Gospel Singers, Dianne Reeves, Grady Tate, Kenny Burrel, Take 6, The Dells, Marcus Printup, Ernie Andrews, Jon Hendricks, and others.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October 1999 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Burundi
H.E. Mr. Gamaliel Ndaruzaniye

Asian States:
Uzbekistan
H.E. Mr. Alisher Vohidov

Eastern European States:
Bulgaria
Mr. Vladimir Sotirov
Chargé d'affaires

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Peru
H.E. Mr. Francisco Tudela

Western European and other States:
Italy
H.E. Mr. Francesco Paolo Fulci

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